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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director /SA

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SUBJECT : Request by [redacted] for Lifting of Restriction Against Visits to [redacted] from [redacted]

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REFERENCES : (A) [redacted] 083 (In 49121)
(B) Proposed Reply to Reference (A)

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1. I understand that concern has been expressed by the front office with regard to the proposed change in policy which would allow [redacted] personnel TDY at [redacted] to visit a near by city in [redacted]

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2. Originally when the [redacted] the fast move concept was employed and ideally the team stayed there a very brief period and quickly returned to [redacted]. At the outset as in the early days of [redacted] stringent security restrictions were laid down to contain our people in close proximity to their operating base in an effort to preclude in order to disguise the fact that our people were operating out of the particular base. You will recall that at [redacted] for example, we followed the [redacted] rule and would not allow our people off [redacted]. Subsequently cognizance was taken by this Headquarters with the concurrence of Security and the Det people are now allowed to visit [redacted]. This Headquarters recognized the innumerable hardships experienced by our people and took cognizance of the very real lift in morale which could be brought about by authorizing the [redacted] people to take TDY trips to [redacted]. Before lifting the restriction there however, we solicited the opinion of [redacted] station and were informed that station people freely go to [redacted] and that no security incidents had arisen which would suggest that that very attractive city be placed off limits. The decision to lift the restriction of travel to [redacted] was very much appreciated by the Detachment and it is understood that the morale did in fact receive a boost and to our knowledge no problems have occurred as a result of our people visiting [redacted].

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3. As mentioned above initially when we staged at [redacted] our people were there for a very short time. More recently the duration of the stay at [redacted] has often extended over a period of many days. On a recent visit to Headquarters [redacted] discussed with me the possibility of lifting the restriction on his Det people visiting this near by city in [redacted] on and off duty hours while at [redacted]. I suggested to [redacted] that

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he have his security officer assess the situation and request Headquarters in writing for a current opinion in this regard. [redacted] mentioned at that time that he is very proud of his staff particularly the manner in which they have worked under extremely trying circumstances, extended TDYs away from families, etc. He told me that if Security would permit he felt quite confident that his personnel would not abuse the privilege of going to this near by [redacted] and he felt that the unit morale would definitely benefit.

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4. I discussed the subject of travel to [redacted] by Agency personnel

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with [redacted] Chief, Personnel Security Division, Office of Security. He informed me that the Office of Security of this Agency

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does not consider travel to [redacted] by Agency personnel possessing most sensitive information as an undue risk. He informed me that he is aware of no incidents where any of our people have been molested in any way by opposition intelligence forces or any other unfriendly parties. He stated further that he is not aware of any environmental conditions there which lead our people to get into embarrassing situations any more than in many locations in the United States or in [redacted] Recognizing the nature of our operation [redacted] stated that he would wholeheartedly concur in our lifting the restriction under the circumstances set forth in my proposed cable.

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5. I have a great deal of confidence in the judgment and security awareness of [redacted] and I sympathize with the position set forth by him in reference (A). I also am confident that our Security staff at [redacted] can effectively monitor this situation to insure that no damage will result to the security of our operation by allowing our people the opportunity to visit the city in question.

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6. It is recommended that the proposed cable be released.

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Chief, Security Branch
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